REMARKS

The specification has been amended at page 1 to update the status of the listed applications.

Claims 1, 5, 6 and 8 have been amended to obviate the objections noted by the Examiner.

It is believed that the application now is in order for entry of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitt

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